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I Introduction

The Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) has been promoted by the Government of West Bengal as an autonomous centre of excellence in social sciences. It was founded in 2002 as a society with an autonomous governing body, with one of the most eminent historians in India, with one of the most eminent historians in India, Professor Irfan Habib as President, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as Director and with a Governing Council on which are represented the current or former Vice-Chancellors of two leading Universities in West Bengal, namely Calcutta University and Jadavpur University. The new Governing Council constituted in 2010 includes such eminent academics as Professor Prabuddha Nath Roy as President, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as Director, Professor Asis Kumar Banerjee as Secretary and Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Professor Atis Dasgupta, Professor Subimal Sen, Professor Ratan Khasnabis, Professor Abhijit Chowdhury and Professor Sarmila Banerjee as its members.

The IDSK is devoted to advanced academic research and informed policy advice in the areas of literacy, education, health, gender issues, employment, technology, communication, human sciences and economic development. Other programmes include training of research scholars in the social sciences working towards a Ph.D. The Institute is committed to the dissemination of its research findings through workshops, seminars, publications in the media, and other public counselling and education programmes. In the area of teaching its flagship programme is the multidisciplinary M.Phil course in Development Studies, in collaboration with the University of Calcutta. The course is in its fifth year. Three batches of students have already obtained their degrees. Students of the fourth batch are completing their dissertations and those of the fifth batch are completing their course work.

The IDSK is now in the ninth year of its existence. Its main campus at 27/D, DD Block, Salt Lake was ready by July 2010 and most of its activities have been gradually shifted to that campus. During the nine years of its existence, it has made its mark in the world of research in social sciences and humanities in West Bengal and Eastern India. It has actively collaborated

with the departments of history, economics, political science, philosophy, business management, the Science College, and the Centre for Urban Economic Studies, Women's Studies Research Centre, and the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, of the University of Calcutta. The Institute has also organized a number of training and research programmes, generally in collaboration with other academic institutions, the details of which have been given in the body of the report.

The University Grants Commission(UGC) has sponsored the setting up of the Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies(RTCHDS) under the auspices of the IDSK, through the University of Calcutta. An Advisory Committee has been constituted with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta as Chairman, the Director of IDSK as Vice-Chairman and with other representatives from the IDSK and the University of Calcutta. The Committee has formulated certain guidelines for the functioning of the RTCHDS. The academic scheme of the Centre includes a programme for Ph.D students, post doctoral fellows and visiting academics at various levels. During the two years of its existence, the RTCHDS has appointed eight visiting professors. They are Dr. Ajit Banerjee, President, Centre for Ecological Culture and member of Biodiversity Board, West Bengal, Professor Ashwani Saith of Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands, Professor Ranabir Chakravarti of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Professor Sunanda Sen, Former Professor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Visiting Professor of University of Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Professor Dipankar Coondoo, Former Professor of Indian Statistical Institute, Professor Buroshiva Dasgupta, former Director of Manipal Institute of Communication, Professor Sudhir Chakravarti, noted expert on Bengali folk music and culture and Professor Arup Maharatna of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics. Three post-doctoral fellows Dr. Debarati Bandyopadhyay, on leave from Visva Bharati University, Dr. Subhasri Ghosh and Dr. Gorky Chakraborty, on leave from Doom Dooma College, Assam have joined the Centre.

To celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, the RTCHDS has constituted a Sub-committee comprising Professor Sankha Ghosh, the eminent poet and recognized authority on studies of Rabindra Nath Tagore, as the Chairman and Professor Sudhir

Chakravarti, the noted expert on Bengali music composed by Tagore and other great song writers, and on folk religions and folk music, Professor Bhaskar Chakraborty, Department of History, University of Calcutta, Professor Syamal Chakrabarti, scientist with a wide interest in cultural issues, Professor Karuna Sindhu Das, Vice-Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University, Professor Udaya Narayana Singh, Director, Culture and Cultural Relations, Visva Bharati University and Professor Indra Nath Choudhuri, former Secretary of Sahitya Akademi and Academic Director, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, as members and Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as Convenor to advise the Academic Committee of the Centre.

In 2010, the RTCHDS in collaboration with the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre organized a workshop on *Reception of R.N. Tagore in North Eastern Region of India* on 3 and 4 September. The participants from the north eastern region included Dr. Mukti Choudhury, Professor Paramanando Mazumdar and Smt. Rijushree Sarma Mazumdar, Dr. Pallabi Deka Buzarboruah, Dr. Swarnaprabha Chainari, Dr. Paramanand Rajbongshi, Dr. Satyakam Borathakur, Shri Shantanu Roy Chowdhury, Shri Udayan Biswas and Shri Prasun Barman from Assam, Smt. Madhuparna Bhattacharjee from Arunachal Pradesh, Professor Kunjamohan Singh from Manipur, Dr. Desmond Kharmaphwlang, Dr. Sylvanus Lamare and Professor Caroline Marak from Meghalaya, Dr. D. Kuolie from Nagaland, Shri Sanu Lama from Sikkim, Shri Bikach Choudhury, Shri Chandrakanta Mura Singh and Shri N.C. Deb Barma from Tripura. Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Director, IDSK gave the welcome address and Professor Indranath Choudhuri, the coordinator of this workshop presented the theme summary at the inaugural session of this workshop.

The RTCHDS in collaboration with the Department of English, University of Calcutta organized a three-day conference on *Tagore: At Home in the World* between 10 and 12 February 2011. The participants in the conference included Professor Udaya Narayana Singh, Professor Martin Kämpchen, Professor Imre Bangha, Professor Chinmoy Guha, Professor Tutun Mukherjee, Professor Ramkrishna Bhattacharya, Professor Krishna Sen, Professor Amrit Sen, Professor Indra Nath Choudhuri, Professor Ana Jelnikar, Professor Blanka

Knotkova, Professor Uma Dasgupta- Nation and World in Tagore's world-in-one-nest, Professor Subhoranjan Dasgupta, Professor Amartya Mukhopadhyay, Professor Moon Moon Mazumdar, Professor Jharna Sanyal, Professor Mandakranta Bose, Professor Amita Dutt Mookerjee, Professor Sudeshna Chakravarti, Dr. Shoma A.Chatterji and Dr. Debarati Bandyopadhyay. The conference was chaired by Professor Shireen Maswood, Professor Jasodhara Bagchi, Professor Malashri Lal, Professor Indra Nath Choudhuri, Professor Uma Dasgupta, Professor Shanta Mahalanobis, Professor Tirthankar Bose, Dr. reba Som and Shri Ram Kumar Mukhopadhyay. The inaugural session was addressed by Professor Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyay, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Calcutta, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Director, IDSK, Professor Chinmoy Guha, Head, Department of English, University of Calcutta and Professor Sanjukta Dasgupta, Department of English, University of Calcutta and Coordinator of this conference.

II Research Programmes

A. The programme on 'Improving health status of women in rural West Bengal' funded by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin

The project on **Improving health status of women in rural West Bengal** sponsored by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin and implemented by the scholars of IDSK in 2010 aims to assess the change in the level of reproductive and non-reproductive morbidity and associated treatment seeking behavior among women aged 13-49 years in two *Gram Panchayats* of the Md. Bazar Block of Birbhum district by using experimental design framework. In order to do so, three villages of Kapistha Gram Panchayat were taken as experimental while another three villages of Puratangram GP were taken as control. The baseline survey was conducted during June, 2010 to September, 2010. The baseline report was submitted to the funding agency. Dissemination meetings with the panchayats, block and district level official was also conducted. Currently, intervention activities on health awareness generation on various reproductive and general ailments and preventive health

behaviour are in progress. The intervention activities are conducted by the Rural Health Care Providers (RHCPs) who were earlier trained by the Liver Foundation. After the completion of intervention programme, the endline data collection will be carried out in all villages in both the GPs and analyse to ascertain the effect of intervention in due course.

B. The project on ‘Documents on the Economic History of British Rule in India 1858- 1947’

The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) has appointed Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi General Editor of the project of compiling the basic documents on the economic history of India under British rule and Professor Arun Bandyopadhyay, Nurul Hasan Professor of History, Calcutta University, Associate Editor of the project. It is a huge project because among other things, economic history is taken in the widest possible meaning of the term, covering data and developments judged significant for the economic, social, legal and ecological history of the country. Under the joint direction of the General and Associate Editors and the work of a team of research assistants of the project, the documents for Eastern India covering the period 1860s-1870s have been collected in a volume that was published by Manohar and released at IDSK on 31 March 2009. A second volume containing documents related to Eastern India during the 1880s and 1890s has been published by Manohar in 2011. The third volume, containing documents relating to Madras Presidency under British Rule during the 1860s and 1870s is expected to be sent to the ICHR soon.

Dr Bhubanes Misra had compiled four volumes of railway documents pertaining to the period and these had been published by the ICHR. Under the revived project, Dr Misra was appointed as Editor in charge of the further volumes of railway documents, working under the guidance of the General Editor. The fourth volume of the railway construction in India during 1858-1947 has been published in October 2009.

C. A Study Report on Mid Term Appraisal of the 11th Five Year Plan of West Bengal

The Planning Commission, Government of India assigned to the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata the task of preparing a Report on the performance of monitorable targets and flagship programmes for Mid Term Appraisal of the 11th Five Year Plan of West Bengal. Dr. Panchanan Das has prepared the report under the guidance of Professor Amiya Kumar

Bagchi. The report comprises two studies. The first one, consisting of three chapters deals with the trends in monitorable indicators of West Bengal since the 9th Plan period and the second study, consisting of six chapter analyses the performance of flagship programmes in West Bengal. The final draft of the Report has been submitted to the Planning Commission on 28 December 2010.

D. A Study Report on Mid Term Appraisal of the 11th Five Year Plan of Tripura

The Planning Commission, Government of India assigned to the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata the task of preparing a Report on the performance of monitorable targets and flagship programmes for Mid Term Appraisal of the 11th Five Year Plan of Tripura. The study report has two parts. The first part traces the growth in the State Domestic Product and its various components in the recent years, analyses the progress that different sectors of the economy have made, and identify the problems they face. Besides the performance of the economy, the study also specifically deals with the health and education sectors. The second part analyses the progress in implementation of various central and centrally sponsored programmes.

E. Evaluation of the Training Programme for Rural Health Care Providers

In spite of their apparent poor quality and harmful practices, the (unqualified) rural health care practitioners (RHCPs) are highly utilised by the rural population in West Bengal because of their easily accessible services, close contact with the community and inadequacy of the public health services in rural areas. Given this context, the Liver Foundation, West Bengal has been conducting a year-long training programme for the RHCPs for last three years with the objectives of reducing their harmful practices, improving their basic knowledge related to health and health care and exploring the possibility of involving them in various public health programmes to take advantage of their close proximity with the rural community. The major objectives of the current evaluation study are (i) to assess what extent the training programme has achieved its stated objective; and (ii) suggest ways to improve the weak areas of the training programme. The evaluation study adopts a quasi randomised case-control design and covers 18 Gram Panchayats in three blocks of Birbhum. The evaluation study which started in

July 2010 is expected to be completed by November 2011. The baseline survey of this project has been completed and currently data entry is going on. Soon we are going to begin the next phase of qualitative and quantitative surveys.

F. A Study of the Disability Movement in India: Trajectory, Tensions, Future

The primary aim of this study is to examine and explore the ways in which the local/regional/national struggles of groups of persons with disabilities is taking the shape of a social movement that seeks to alter the ways in which disabled people are viewed and treated by the society at large. The research study proposes to examine the different strands of the localized disability advocacy struggles in various parts of the country in order to gain a better and contextualised understanding of the key issues, important events and strategies being used to carve out a disability rights movement, based on development of collective identity for all persons with disability.

The objectives of the research are:

- (i) To gain a deeper understanding of the processes through which alliances of persons with disabilities are being forged at the local levels – the reasons and ways in which agencies are promoting formation of disabled people’s organizations at the grassroots level, the reasons why disabled people are forming groups, and the ways in which they are organizing themselves.
- (ii) To explore the processes by which the groups are identifying key issues as concerns for their advocacy, the strategies used by these groups to negotiate the major challenges they face in terms of inclusion in the community in terms of education, health and livelihood as well as in other domains of social life.
- (iii) To evaluate the extent of impact the efforts of these groups has had on the lives of persons with disabilities in terms of changes in structures, systems and processes, and to determine their role in stimulating the disability rights movement at the local, regional and national level.
- (iv) To gain a deeper understanding of the processes of identity formation and reinforcement of certain identity markers for persons with disabilities brought about by the participation in the groups and in the larger movement.

G. Planning and Implementation of Intervention Programmes under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

In response to requests from Secretary, School Education Department, and State Project Director, PBSS the IDSK has taken up the responsibility of guiding the district project offices in three districts, viz. Murshidabad, Birbhum, Hooghly and Nadia, at various stages of planning and implementation of the programmes pertaining to elementary education with the aim of achieving the goals of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. The tasks undertaken are: (i) Preparation of annual work plan at the district level based on an assessment of the past trends in various indicators, identification of problem areas and a thorough analysis of the resource gaps, where resources include not only financial but also physical and human; (ii) Quarterly review of progress by making rapid appraisal of a select number of schools once in each quarter; (iii) Holding meetings with stakeholders; (iv) Review the design and implementation of teachers' training programmes; (v) Documenting best practices and disseminating ideas. The project ends on March 31, 2011.

H. Pre-Service and In-Service Training of School Teachers in West Bengal: Current Status and Planning for the Future

In response to the request from Secretary, School Education Department, the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata undertook a study on *Pre-Service and In-Service Training of School Teachers in West Bengal*. Given the stipulation of the RTE Act that teachers at the elementary level (Class I to VIII) must have the requisite training, there is now an enormous need for training of untrained teachers in West Bengal in order to comply with the Act. We prepare a detailed quantitative assessment of the existing facilities vis-à-vis the projected requirement and suggest ways to plan for future. The report was submitted in February 2011.

I. The Project on "History of Girls' Schooling and Education in Bengal: 1900-1950"

The IDSK has undertaken a research project on **History of Girls' Schooling and Education in Bengal: 1900-1950** to commemorate Begum Rokeya's pioneering efforts to advance women's education begun a hundred years ago in this city. As a part of this project, the IDSK

has selected eight girls' schools of Kolkata, for recording their history. The names of the scholars and the schools on which they are carrying out their studies are given below:

<u>Scholars</u>	<u>Schools</u>
Professor Uttara Chakraborty	Bethune School and Brahmo Balika Shikshalaya
Dr. Sarvani Gooptu	Jewish Girls' School
Ms. Sarmistha Datta Gupta	Sakhawat Memorial and Gokhale Memorial School
Dr. Sutanuka Ghosh	St. John's Diocesan School
Dr. Tapati Sengupta	Bharat Stree Mahamandal and Shiksha Sadan

III Collaborations

a. Collaboration with the University of Calcutta

In 2006, IDSK launched a multidisciplinary M.Phil programme in Development Studies, in collaboration with the University of Calcutta. The M.Phil degree is conferred by the University of Calcutta. The first three batches of M.Phil students (2006-08, 2007-09 and 2008-10) successfully completed their course and obtained their degrees. The fourth batch is busy in completing their dissertations and the fifth batch is doing their coursework. The teaching faculty mainly consists of the IDSK faculty and the University faculty associated with CSSH. The details of the M.Phil programme are provided in the next section.

b. Collaboration with South Asia Institute (SAI), University of Heidelberg, Germany

A collaborative agreement has been made between IDSK and SAI, University of Heidelberg under which cooperation shall be carried out in exchanging faculty members, academic materials and other information, participating in seminars and academic meetings and holding interdisciplinary and result-oriented joint research activities. An international seminar was held in 2008 under this programme.

c. Collaboration with Monash Asia Institute, Monash University, Australia

The IDSK has entered into active collaboration with Monash Asia Institute in areas of public health and environmental studies with particular reference to climate change. An international workshop was organized by IDSK on ‘Comparative Community Based Forestry Management in Response to Climate Change’ on 20 and 21 September, 2010 and another workshop on ‘Community Development in the Ganga Basin in Response to Climate Change’ was held on 22 and 23 September 2010. A Memorandum of Understanding between the IDSK and the Faculty of Arts, Monash Asia Institute has also been signed in February 2011 under which collaboration will be made in carrying out research projects in the areas of mutual interest, exchanging academic materials, scholars and students and organizing cooperative seminars and workshops.

d. Memorandum of Understanding has also been signed with the Faculty of Economics, University of Siena, Italy and the Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw, Poland.

e. Collaboration with Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS)

A Memorandum of Understanding between the IDSK and the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) has been signed for carrying out a project on ‘Migration, scientific diasporas and development: Impact of skilled return migration on development in India’. This project will commence in the last week of February or first week of March 2011.

IV Teaching and Research Guidance

M.Phil in Development Studies

The M.Phil. Programme in Development Studies is multi-disciplinary in nature, and designed to provide an understanding of various perspectives on development issues, through a rigorous course work and guided research. The perspectives are drawn from different disciplines, with a strong emphasis on the classics in social sciences and humanities. The

curriculum emphasizes a heterodox perspective on social science paradigms and the methodological underpinnings of social science research. The strength of the course particularly lies in the balance it maintains between theory and hands-on training on tools of analysis – both quantitative and qualitative.

The duration of the entire programme is two years – equally divided between course work and writing dissertation. The first year of course work is further divided into two halves. The first half deals with the core courses, which all the students have to go through, and the second deals with the specialization courses distinguished by a few select disciplines. On completion of the first semester of course work, each student is to specialize in one of the following disciplinary areas: literature and cultural studies, economics, sociology, history and political science. The specialization courses, irrespective of the disciplinary area, will have a strong emphasis on development-oriented topics. By the end of the first year, students will choose their dissertation topics and start working under the close supervision of the faculty.

Awardees of Third Batch (2008-10) of M.Phil Degree in Development Studies

Candidate : **Aditi Guha Thakurta**
 Title of : *A study of Saadat Hasan Manto's*
 Dissertation : *to creativity on partition*
 Supervisor : Subhoranjan Dasgupta

Candidate : **Barun Mondal**
 Title of : *Joint forest management in*
 Dissertation : *Sunderban 1970-2006*
 Supervisor : Arun Bandopadhyay

Candidate : **Debisree Banerjee**
 Title of : *Agricultural Insurance in West Bengal:*
 Dissertation : *A study with reference to selected*
villages
 Supervisor : Uttam Bhattacharya

Candidate : **Khadija Khatun**
 Title of : *বহির্জগতে আসা বাঙালি মুসলমান মহিলাদের*
 Dissertation : *ভূমিকা (১৯১৯-১৯৪৭)*
 Supervisor : Arun Bandopadhyay

Candidate : **Kumkum Mandal**
 Title of : *Patents in India 1990-91*
 Dissertation : *2008-09:A study with reference*
to selected subject
 Supervisor : Uttam Bhattacharya

Candidate : **Nabanita Guha**
 Title of : *Understanding the consequences*
 Dissertation : *of land acquisition on occupation*
and education among
neighbouring families: A case
study from South-West Bengal
 Supervisor : Bidhan Kanti Das

Candidate : **Tanusree Das**
 Title of : *Role of ICDS in urban slums*
 Dissertation : *of Kolkata*
 Supervisor : Bidhan Kanti Das

Candidate : **Koeli Sarkar**
 Title of : *An analysis of foreign direct*
in India in contrast to experiences
of some East-Asian countries
 Supervisor : Indrani Chakraborty

Following students of Fourth Batch (2009-11) of the M.Phil programme are in their final phase of submission:

Student's Name	Title	Supervisor
Abheek Sinha Roy	Handloom Industry in West Bengal	Subrata Mukherjee Achin Chakraborty
Moumita Ghosh	Mothers and Daughters: An Exploration in Socialising Practices and Coping Strategies	Nandini Ghosh Prasanta Ray
Pranab Maji	Tourism as Development: A Study with Reference to Bishnupur, West Bengal	Uttam Bhattacharya
Samrat Banerjee	UNI as News Agency in the 21 st Century: An Analysis of New Challenges	Dipankar Sinha
Subhajit Das Sarma	Bio-social Consequences of Arsenic Toxicity	Bidhan Kanti Das
Sabina Yasmin	The Educational Condition of Muslim Girl Child under Elementary facility of Primary and Upper Primary Education in Rural West Bengal: A case Study from South 24 Parganas	Prasanta Ray Bidhan Kanti Das

M.Phil programme in Development Studies for the Fifth Batch commenced from October 2010 with the enrolment of the following students:

Abhinab Ghosh	Devleena Majumdar	Sarajit Ankura
Anima Mali	Himanshu Narayan Prasad	Satabdi Datta
Anindya Sarkar	Indrani Chakrabarti	Senjuti Mondal
Anwesha Paul	Joyita Roy Chowdhury	Shiney Chakraborty
	Manasi Bera	

V Seminars, Workshops and Round Table

Workshops

In collaboration with Monash Sustainability Institute, Monash University, Australia, and supported by Government of Australia, the IDSK organized a workshop on 'Comparative Community Based Forestry Management in Response to Climate Change' on September 20

and 21, 2010 and another workshop on ‘Community Development in the Ganga Basin in Response to Climate Change’ were held between 22 and 23 September 2010. In the first workshop, speakers included Paul McShane, Stephen Livesley and Andrew Cock of Monash Sustainability Institute, Monash University, Australia, Craig Thorburn, School of Geography and Environmental Science and Gordon Whyte, School of Rural Health, Monash University, Australia, Hoang Lien Son, Forest Science Institute, Hanoi, Vietnam, Doddy Sukadri, Chair LULUCF working group National Council on Climate Change (DNPI), Indonesia, Kimhean Hong, Department of Forest Plantation Development and Private Forest, Forestry Administration, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Convenor, FGLG India, Ranjith Gopalakrishnan, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Anirban Ganguly, The Energy Resources Institute, New Delhi, Jagdish Kishwan, PCCF and HoFF Jammu and Kashmir, Prodyut Bhattacharya, University School of Environment Management, GGS Indraprastha University, Delhi, Pia Sethi, The Energy Resources Institute, Delhi and Ajit Banerjee and Amiya Bagchi, Director, IDSK, Kolkata, India. The participants in the second workshop included Marika Vicziany, Monash Asia Institute, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, Paul McShane, Monash Sustainability Institute and Terry Chan, Water Studies Centre and Monash Sustainability Institute, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, Tasneem Siddiqui and Chowdhury Abrar of University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Zulfikar Ali, Institute of Development Studies Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh Dhrubajyoti Ghosh, Commission on Ecosystem Management, IUCN Gland, Switzerland, Anirban Ganguly and Shresth Tayal, The Energy Resources Institute, New Delhi, India, Jayanta Bandyopadhyay, Centre for Development and Environment Policy, Indian Institute of Management Kolkata, India and Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Ajit Banerjee, Indrani Chakraborty, Gorky Chakraborty, Jenia Mukherjee and Zakaria Siddiqui of IDSK, Kolkata, India.

On 8 December 2010, a workshop on *Writing Economic History* was held at the IDSK Salt Lake Campus. The aim of the workshop was to expose serious students of history to some of the leading practitioners of the sub-discipline of economic history to discuss how they chose their problematic, what kind of evidence they searched for and used and the analytical frameworks they used for their conceptualization. The speakers at the workshop included Dr

David Washbrook of Trinity College, Cambridge, who has illuminated many corners of the economic, social and political history of colonial South India, Professor Binay Chaudhuri, widely regarded as the doyen of the historians of agrarian and arboreal India in colonial times, Professor Ranabir Chakravarti of Jawaharlal Nehru University who has worked extensively on the trade, merchants, ports and environment of late medieval India, Professor Arun Bandopadhyay of Calcutta University, who has extended his work on colonial Tamil Nadu to the economic history of the Madras Presidency, and Professor Arup Maharatna of the Gokhale School of Economics and IDSK, who has become an authority on the etiology of famines in colonial India. Professor Amiya Bagchi, Director of the IDSK also gave a talk at the workshop on 'Researching the economic history of India during the colonial period'. The workshop was chaired by Professors Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research and Asis Kumar Banerjee, Former Vice-Chancellor of University of Calcutta and Secretary, IDSK.

Round Table

The UNICEF India in collaboration with the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) organized a round table on 'Markets, Media and Democracy' on 5 and 6 April 2010. The participants in the round table included A.K. Shiva Kumar, Adviser, UNICEF India, Sharmila Tagore, Chairperson, Central Board of Film Certification and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, Shantha Sinha, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Director, IDSK, M.S. Prabhakara, N. Ram, Editor-in-Chief, The Hindu, P. Sainath, Rural Affairs Editor, The Hindu, Paranjay Guha Thakurta, Member, Press Council of India, Sashi Kumar, Chairman, Media Development Foundation & Asian College of Journalism, Biraj Patnaik, Principal Adviser, Office of the Commissioners to the Supreme Court in the Right to Food Case, Poonam Mootreja, Country Director, MacArthur Foundation, Vipul Mudgal, Director, Inclusive Media Project, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Alka Bhanot, UNICEF India, Antara Dev Sen, Managing Trustee, Pratichi (India) Trust and Editor, The Little Magazine, Nabaneeta Dev Sen, Author, Malini Bhattacharya, Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Women, Dipankar Sinha, University of Calcutta, Achin Chakraborty of IDSK.

Lectures delivered by visiting scholars

On 15 November 2010, Professor Anthony P. D'Costa, Professor of Indian Studies of Asia Research Centre, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark gave a lecture on 'Geography, Uneven Development and Distributive Justice: The Political Economy of IT Growth in India'.

On 22 November 2010, Dr. Parikshit Kumar Basu of School of Business, Charles Sturt University, Bathurst, Australia delivered a talk on 'Socio-cultural Changes to Economic Growth in China-Looking Ahead'.

On 7 December 2010, Dr. David Washbrook of St. Antony's College, Oxford, and Trinity College, Cambridge, UK, gave a talk on 'Problem of Capitalism in Twentieth-Century India'.

On 22 December 2010, Professor Pranab Kumar Sen, Cary C. Boshamer Professor of University of North Carolina, USA delivered a lecture on 'Development and Management of National Health Plans: Health Economics and Statistical Perspectives'.

VI Library

The **Library**, which began functioning from December 2002, already houses an impressive number of books, journals and magazines and primary documents focusing on various development research like Education, Public Health, Economics, Sociology, Political Sciences, Gender Studies, Human Sciences and Globalization. It has a total collection of 10969 (processed) books till 14 February 2010. The library also subscribes to 42 foreign and 35 Indian journals, 712 government and 134 non-government reports. It has 294 digital documents. The library also contains the archives of Rosa Luxemburg projects which include reports, booklets, posters, pats or scroll paintings, CDs, DVDs, audio cassettes, catalogues, transparencies and fact sheets. The library also acquired 1997 books and 5 foreign journals for Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies.

The Library has established network connections with DELNET, Prowess and is a member of Calcutta University's E-Journals under UGC INFONET Programme, Indiastat.com, Oxford e-bundle journals in economics, EPW online and Sage online for selected journals. The library is using SOUL (Software for University Libraries) for its ongoing automation activities. Currently the library has entered and processed 9741 documents in SOUL.

The Institute has been gifted with very valuable collections, that of the late Michael Sprinker, a leading radical literary theorist, Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, Governor of West Bengal, and also a collection of about 1900 books from Shri Parimal Dasgupta, a leading journalist. These two gifts have been designated as the **Michael Sprinker** and **Parimal Dasgupta Collections** respectively.

VII Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Amiya Kumar Bagchi

Presented a paper on ‘The problem of Dalit liberation seen through the lenses of Adam Smith’ at a panel discussion on *History & Historiography of Dalits* jointly organized by Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies and Indian History Congress at University of Delhi on 16 May 2010.

Delivered the keynote address at a seminar on Sunderbans organized by the Department of Bengali in July 2010.

Participated in the 21st International Congress of Historical Sciences as a panelist in the session *Modernisation of China, India and Japan* and presented a paper on ‘The decline and attenuated rise of manufactures in India’ held in Amsterdam between 22 and 28 August 2010.

Delivered the fifteenth Harishchandra Mukhopadhyay Memorial Lecture on ‘The role of media in a period of moral confusion and depravity’ organized by Mass Media Centre, Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Government of West Bengal on 16 September 2010.

Presided over the 8th Convocation of Tripura Central University as the Chancellor of the University in the august presence of Smt. Pratibha Patil, President of India and Visitor of Tripura Central University on 25 September 2010.

Presented a paper on ‘Modes of extraction and use of surplus in Indian development’ at the conference to celebrate 50th year of publication of *Sraffa’s* on ‘Production of Commodities by Means of Commodities’, held at Rome between 2 and 4 December 2010.

Gave a talk on ‘The relevance of development studies today’ before the students of Tata Institute of Social Sciences on 15 December 2010.

Delivered a lecture on 'Researching industrial growth in colonial India' at the conference on 'Development and underdevelopment' organized by the Department of History, Visva Bharati on 15 January 2011.

Delivered the Third Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture on 'Rabindranath Tagore and democratic theory' organized by the National Council of Educational Research and Training at Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar on 25 January 2011.

Delivered the keynote address at a seminar on 'The subaltern in Indian theatre' organized by the Department of English in collaboration with the 'Aneek' theatre group.

Presented a paper at the national seminar on 'Capitalist crisis and aftereffects – an analysis' organized by the EMS Chair for Marxian Studies and Research, Calicut University on 23 February 2011.

Uttam Bhattacharya

Presented a paper on 'Conservation agriculture' at the 70th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics organized by the Indian society of Labour Economics, Mumbai, and Planning Commission at the Department of Economics, University of Jambu, Jambu held between 29 November and 1 December, 2010.

Participated in a meeting on International Migration at the Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum on 18-19, December, 2010.

Acted as a Co-chairperson and presented a paper on Rural Employment at the UGC Sponsored National Level seminar on 'Right to employment in rural perspective' on 28 and 29 January 2011 at Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya, Nadia.

Acted as a discussant at the UGC sponsored seminar on 'Economic growth, sectoral imbalance and inflation' organized by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta and KK Das College, Garia on 4 February 2011.

Achin Chakraborty

Participated as a panelist in the Round Table on 'Markets, media and democracy' organized by IDSK on 5-6 April 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Inequality in the functioning space: Some conceptual, measurement and policy issues' at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur on 7 April 2010.

Made presentation as a panelist at the panel discussion on the World Population Day, organized by the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Kolkata on 11 July 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Inequality in non-income dimensions and resource allocation rules' at the Annual Conference of the Human Development and Capability Association, at the University of Jordan, Amman on 21-23 September 2010.

Participated in the Bihar Growth Conference 2010, organized jointly by the Asian Development Research Institute and London School of Economics on 17-18 December 2010.

Invited to present the *Summary Report* (based on the research papers presented earlier in the UNESCO-ICSSR Research Meeting in Delhi) at UNESCO-MSS Forum of Ministers on Social Protection Policies in South Asia, February 20-22, 2011, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Awarded CICOPS (Centre for International Cooperation and Development of University of Pavia) scholarship to visit University of Pavia, Italy, for six weeks.

Supervising the M.Phil. dissertation of Abhik Sinharoy of IDSK and two Ph.D. dissertations of Simantini Mukhopadhyay and Anjan Roy Chowdhury.

Indrani Chakraborty

Presented papers on 'Agriculture, community development and climate change: An Indian perspective' and 'Impact of climate change on the Indian Economy: A review of the existing literature' at the International Conference on 'Developing Proactive Policy and Practice for Land and Water Management Responsive to Climate Change' held at the Monash University, Australia, during 5-9 July 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Adapting to Climate Change: Coping Strategies and Well-being of Farmers in the Bengal Delta' at the International Workshop on 'Community Development in the Ganga Basin in Response to Climate Change' organized by the IDSK during 22-23 September 2010.

Supervising a Ph.D dissertation. The title of the thesis is 'Dividend Policy of the Corporate Firms in India in the Post-reform Period'

Subhanil Chowdhury

Presented a paper on 'India-Nepal economic cooperation: Towards a new paradigm' at a conference on 'Nepal's National Interests', organized by the Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) at Kathmandu on 26th July 2010.

Assisted Professor Achin Chakraborty in preparing the Appraisal of the XI Five Year Plan of Tripura.

Prepared a project proposal for Rosa Luxemburg Foundation on 'Livelihood and Food Security in Rural West Bengal'.

Submitted a project proposal to ICSSR on 'Imperialism: Old and New.'

Panchanan Das

Presented a paper on 'The relationship between money and price in India: A co-integration analysis' in the Annual Conference of The Indian Econometric Society, held at the Jammu University, Jammu, on 4-6 March, 2010.

Presented a paper on 'The impact of trade openness on poverty and inequality: Dynamic panel analysis with Indian data' in the International conference of *IJAS*, between 31 May – 3 June, 2010, at Harvard University, USA.

Presented a paper on 'Growth, stagnation and survival of jute industry in India: 1974-2004' held at Devi Ahilya University, Indore, on January 6-8, 2011.

Completed a project on 'Mid Term Appraisal of the 11th Five Year Plan of West Bengal' sponsored by Planning Commission, Government of India.

Bidhan Kanti Das

Invited as a discussant of a paper 'Whose breach was it? Disaster and the Development experience through embankment years' by M K Jha at a conference organized by Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group at Gangtok in May 2010.

Presented a paper on 'What do people want and how do they act? Responses to disaster-caused displacement in a national park of Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, India' in the conference on 'Displacement, Development and Renewal : Borneo Conference 2010' organised by RUSSIC, School of Social Sciences and Asian Languages, Curtin University of Technology, Australia held at Miri, Malaysia on 8-9 July 2010.

Participated in 'Asia Write Shop' organized by United Nations *International Strategy of Disaster Reduction (ISDR) and Stockholm Environment Institute*, Stockholm held at Bangkok, Thailand on 20-24 September, 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Parks, "community participation" and poverty reduction : Assessing Developmental Interventions in a National park, India' in the Golden Jubilee National Seminar of the Indian Anthropological Society held at Ranchi University, Ranchi, on 17-19 December 2010.

Writing a manuscript on the theme 'Marriages between blood relatives: Biosocial perspective' based on his Ph.D thesis.

Coauthor (jointly with Saswata Ghosh) of a paper 'Exploring Demographic and Socioeconomic factors influencing utilization of ICDS service' to be published in forthcoming issue of *Asia Pacific Population Journal*.

Supervising the dissertation of a M.Phil student of 2009-2011 session of IDSK.

Subhoranjan Dasgupta

Gave a talk at a conference organized by the German Academic Exchange Service at Max Mueller Bhavan, Kolkata on 6 August 2010.

Participated and read modern German poetry along with commentary in a poetry reading session organized by the Creative Arts on 25 September 2010.

Presented a paper on ‘ Tagore’s critique of nationalism’ at a conference on ‘Tagore: At home in the world’ organized by the Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies and the English Department of Calcutta University on 11 February 2011.

Acting as a project manager of the project ‘Women and Health’(Prevalence of Morbidity and treatment-seeking Behaviour among Women in rural West Bengal with special Reference to reproductive Morbidity) funded by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung.

Nandini Ghosh

Presented a paper on ‘Gender and disability in India at the community based rehabilitation’ in India Network Annual Conference held at New Delhi on 10 and 11 December 2010.

Co-supervisor of the M.Phil dissertation of IDSK of 2009-11 session and also a Ph.D dissertation.

Coordinating a project on ‘A Study of the Disability Movement in India: Trajectory, Tensions, Future’.

Saswata Ghosh

Participated in the state level consultation on ‘Anaemia – The West Bengal Perspective’ organized by UNICEF, Kolkata office in collaboration with the Department of Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal on 4th August, 2010.

Presented a paper on ‘Is health status of elderly worsening in India? A comparison of successive rounds of national sample survey data’ at the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) on 27 September, 2010.

Presented a paper on ‘Can Simplified Heligman-Pollard Model be fitted to the Grouped Data?’ at the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) on 20 December, 2010.

Acting as Coordinator of the research project ‘Women & Health’ funded by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Stiftung, Germany.

Jenia Mukherjee

Presented a paper on 'Kankyoshi: Internal conservatism and external nihilism in entrepreneurial Japan, 1945-1995' at the 70th session of the Indian History Congress, at Delhi University, May 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Community development in the lower Gangetic Basin: A Study of 'chars' (bars) in West Bengal' at the international conference on 'Developing proactive policy and practice for land and water management responsive to climate change' organized by Monash University, Australia and funded by the Australian Government (AUSAID), July 2010.

Invited to deliver a lecture on 'Vulnerability and crisis in the 'chars' of West Bengal: Community adaptation or adjustment?' at the department of International Crisis Management, Monash Asia Institute, Melbourne, Australia, during 5-9 July 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Climate change and the intensification of vulnerabilities in the 'chars' of West Bengal' at the international conference on 'Community development in the Ganga Basin in response to climate change' organized by the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India and Monash Sustainability Institute, Australia, on 22-23 September 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Carrying the legacy of Sun-Yat-Sen and much more: Soong Qingling and China in the Red Years' at the 71st session of the Indian History Congress, Gaur Banga University, Malda, February 2011.

Presented a paper on 'Mega-urbanization in Eastern Kolkata: Vision and Reality' at the international conference on Mega-Urbanisation and Human Rights: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities organized by Department of Anthropology, West Bengal State University in collaboration with Indian Museum, Anthropological Survey of India, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, and Centre for Alternative Research in Development, February 2011.

Submitted a project proposal (jointly with Dr. Bidhan Kanti Das) on 'Adjusting to AILA: Climate change, vulnerability and adaptation in the cyclone affected areas of the Sundarbans' to ICSSR, January 2011.

Subrata Mukherjee

Presented a paper on 'Social class related inequalities in household health expenditure and economic burden' at Institute of Public Health, Bangalore on 17 September, 2010.

Participated in a conference on 'Indian Economy: Twenty Years of Liberalisation' held at the Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, 1-3 December, 2010.

Participating in the 3rd Grantees Learning and Sharing Conference on Hepatitis Awareness, Prevention and Care organized by Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation under its Delivering Hope Programme, Bangkok, Thailand, to be held on 16-20 February, 2011.

(jointly with Achin Chakraborty) Supervising MPhil Dissertation of Mr Abhik Singhroy of IDSK of 2009-2011 session. The title of his dissertation is 'Understanding the organizational pattern of the rural handloom weaver: a case study from Dhaniakhali of Hooghly district, West Bengal.'

Coordinating a project on 'Evaluation of the training programme for rural health care providers.'

Prasanta Ray

Delivered a lecture on 'Epistemological choices for research on forced migration', organized by Calcutta Research Group, on 6 December 2010.

Gave a lecture on 'Dancing in front of the departing Durga: Religion and popular culture in the metropolis', at the national seminar on 'Religion and popular culture in the Indian Sub-Continent', organized by Bethune College and Tasveer Ghar, Kolkata on 7 December 2010.

Delivered the valedictory lecture on 'Social and political thought of the Z people' at the Refresher Course of the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta, on 8 December 2010.

Gave a lecture on 'I never promised you a rose garden: Optimism and Cynicism about interdisciplinarity' at the Department of History, University of Calcutta, on 17 February 2011.

Dipankar Sinha

Presented a paper on 'Development and e-governance: Reflections on India's development experience' at the 2nd National-Level Research Workshop on 'Development, Democracy and Governance - Lessons and Policy Implications', organized by Ford Foundation-Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata on 14 May, 2010.

Gave a lecture on 'Social and political scenario in contemporary West Bengal', organized by Administrative Training Institute, Government of West Bengal, on 21 June, 2010.

Gave a talk as Resource Person on 'Right to livelihood: National and international perspective', at the Conference on 'Hunger Free West Bengal' on 26 June, 2010.

Delivered a lecture on 'Situating radio power: Communication for development' at School of Media Communication Culture, Jadavpur University on 23 August, 2010.

Gave a lecture on 'Participation, problematique in community development', organized by the department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta on 26 August, 2010.

Delivered a lecture on 'Media and participation: The puzzle of the audience' at the School of Media Communication Culture', Jadavpur University on 16 September, 2010.

Gave a lecture on 'Development Studies and Political Science: Towards a conceptual linkage' in the UGC Refresher Course in Political Science organized by Academic Staff College, North Bengal University on 4 October, 2010.

Delivered a lecture on 'Politics' in Rajni Kothari's thought', at the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta on 20 November, 2010.

Gave a lecture on 'Gendering media', at the Administrative Training Institute, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata on 8 December, 2010.

Gave a lecture on 'Experiencing the field: Qualitative snapshots', at the workshop on Research Methods in Political Science/ International Relations/ Social Sciences, organized by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ERC)---JAIR, on 11 December, 2010.

Delivered a lecture on 'Safe drinking water and modes of awareness generation' at the SODIS seminar organized by the State Institute of Panchayats and Rural Development, Kalyani, on 30 December, 2010.

Delivered a lecture on 'Identity politics and women: Communicative dimensions', organized by Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta on 6 January, 2011.

Participated in the Special Lecture Series on 'Development Communication', organized by the Centre of Development Studies, School of Social Sciences and Planning, Central University Bihar, Patna on 10-15 January, 2011.

Supervising the M.Phil dissertation of Samrat Banerjee of IDSK of 2009-2011 session. The title of his dissertation is 'UNI as a news agency in the 21st Century: An analysis of new challenges'.

Krishna Soman

Participated in a seminar on 'Maternal care in India' organized by the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL and Jawaharlal Nehru University, School of Social Sciences Auditorium, 7 April 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Women, medicine and politics of identity': Institution of traditional midwives in 20 century India' at the 19th Annual Conference of the Women's History Network, University of Warwick during September 2010.

Participated in a seminar on 'Status and role of AYUSH and local health traditions under NRHM' organized by national Health Systems Resource Centre, New Delhi on 28 October 2010.

Participated in the XIII National Conference of the Indian Association of Women's Studies, Mahatma Gandhi Antarashtriyā Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra on 'Resisting

marginalizations, challenging hegemonies: Revisioning gender politics’ on 21-24 January 2011.

Evaluated Ph.d dissertation of Suchetana Ghosh of Jawaharlal Nehru University in April 2010. The title of her dissertation was ‘A social history of disease and prostitution in Bengal: From Syphilis to AIDS’.

Writing a manuscript on ‘Integration of traditional and modern systems of medicine in public health care: The Indian experience’.

VIII Academic Activities of RTCHDS

A. Lectures delivered

Name	Date	Title of Lecture
1. Debarati Bandyopadhyay	1.04.2010	In Search of Lost Harmony: Nature and Modernity in Tagore’s works
2. Debarati Bandyopadhyay	7.05.2010	Harmonizing Man and Environment : Tagore, Santiniketan and Sriniketan
3. Ranabir Chakravarti	11.05.2010	Perceptions of Monsoon and the Management of Hydraulic Resources in Early India (Part-I)
4. Ranabir Chakravarti	12.05.2010	Perceptions of Monsoon and the Management of Hydraulic Resources in Early India (Part-II)
5. Ranabir Chakravarti	9.07.2010	Forest & Forest Dwellers: Early Indian
6. Sunanda Sen	13.09.2010	Managing Finance in Emerging Economies
7. Subhasri Ghosh	10.11.2010	India Penal Code, 1860 : Some Reflections
8. Debarati Bandyopadhyay	10.11.2010	Literature in /as Action : Arundhati Roy & Eco-criticism
9. Arup Maharatna	8.12.2010	Researching Colonial India’s Population with special reference to the Demography of Famines

B. Participation in International Conferences (travel grants sponsored by RTCHDS)

1. Professor Sanjukta Dasgupta , Department of English, University of Calcutta, participated in the *International Symposium on Generation and Transformation in Women's Writing* organised by Dr. Marzenna Jakubczak , Pedagogical University, Poland on May 14-15,2010. Her title of the paper is *Interdisciplinary Perspective on Literary, Cultural, Cinema & Social Studies*.
2. Professor Ishita Mukhopadhyay, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, participated in the *International Association of Feminist Economists Annual Conference* , 2010 organised by IAFFE Conference Co-ordinator , Department of Economics, University of Nebraska , USA held in Buenos Aires , Argentina on July 22-24, 2010. Her title of the paper is "*Political Economy of gender dimensions of poverty-livelihood – growth strategies in developing economics*".
3. Dr. Krishna Soman, IDSK, participated in the 19th Annual Conference of the *Women's History Network* organised by the Department of History, University of Warwick, UK on September 10-12, 2010. Her title of the paper is "*Women, medicine and politics of Identity: Institution of Indigenous Traditional Midwives in 20 Century Bengal*".

C. Research Project

Understanding Drishti: Early Indian Approaches to Ophthalmological Diseases & Treatments

The research project on Drishti (literally vision) is planned to undertake a thorough and elaborate study of ophthalmic diseases and their treatments in pre-modern India with a thrust on the early period of Indian history (up to c.AD 1300). The project intends to initially study four early Indian treatises of enormous significance: the two samhitas of Charaka and Susruta, the Ashtangahridayasamgraha (of c.sixth century) and the eastern India medical treatise by Chakrapanidatta (c. twelfth century). The preliminary survey of the project suggests a clear awareness of two principal Ophthalmic diseases (capable of epidemic proportions) in ancient Indian medical treatises, viz. Kacha (cataract) and Nilaka(glaucoma- the term nila not in the popular sense of blue, but denoting darkness or the progressive deterioration of the perception of light). The first project report will be presented during February-March 2011. The duration of the project is three years.

D. Post-doctoral Fellows

Debarati Bandyopadhyay

She joined the RTCHDS on 1 January 2010. The title of her research is *Development: An Indian Eco- critical Perspective*.

Activities:

Presented a paper on 'In search of lost harmony: Nature and modernity in Tagore's works' at a seminar organized by the RTCHDS on 1 April 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Harmonizing man and environment: Tagore, Santiniketan and Sriniketan' on 7 May 2010 at a seminar organized by the RTCHDS on 1 April 2010.

Presented papers on 'Development and ecofeminism: Re-reading Tagore's *Red Oleanders (Rakta Karabi)* and *The Waterfall (Mukta Dhara)*' at a national-level workshop on 'Tagore on gender and development: Relevance and implications for contemporary times', organized at Santiniketan jointly by the Women Studies Centre, Visva-Bharati University and Indian Social Science, New Delhi on 31 July, 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Arundhati Roy's state of fear: Marginalised people and environment' at an International Conference on 'Fables of Fear', organized by the Centre for Performance Research and Cultural Studies in South Asia (CPRACISIS), held at Thrissur, Kerala during August 7 and 8, 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Literature in/as action: Arundhati Roy and ecocriticism' at a seminar organized by the RTCHDS on 10 November 2010.

Presented a paper on 'Tagore, environment and ecology: A Place/Space Dynamics' at an international conference on 'Tagore: At Home in the World', organized by the Department of English, Calcutta University and RTCHDS in Kolkata during 10- 12 February, 2011.

Subhasri Ghosh

She joined the RTCHDS on 7 December 2009. The title of her research is *The Implementation and Implication of Marriage-related Offences under the Indian Penal Code in Colonial Bengal*.

Activities:

Presented a paper on 'Indian Penal Code, 1860: Some Reflections' at a seminar organized by the RTCHDS on 9 November 2010.

Gorky Chakraborty

He joined the RTCHDS on 15 July December 2010. The title of his research is *Globalisation and India's North-east: Understanding the Look East Doctrine*.

E. Doctoral Fellows

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
1. Smt. Poulomi Lahiri	The Intra-household Research Allocation Bias Across Different States in Rural Bengal	Indrani Chakraborty
2. Smt. Simantini Mukhopadhyay	Child Under Nutrition in India	Achin Chakraborty
3. Smt. Sukla Chatterjee (Resigned in November, 2010 to join the Doctoral Programme at University of Heidelberg)	From Nautch Girls to Purdahdashins : Surveilled Bodies under the Imperial Gaze	Prasanta Ray
4. Shri Bijaya Kumar Mohanty	The Changing Socio-political Dynamics of Rural India: A Comparative Study of Two Villages in Rajasthan and Orissa	Sangital Dhal, Delhi University Bonita Aleaz, Calcutta University

IX Publications

A. Publications of IDSK

a. Book:

Eastern India in the Late Nineteenth Century, Part II: 1880s-1890s eds. Amiya Kumar Bagchi and Arun Bandopadhyay, Manohar, Indian Council of Historical Research, 2011.

b. Occasional Papers:

- No.22 *Contested Virtue: Imperial Women's Crisis with Colonized Womanhood* by Sukla Chatterjee, November 2010.
- No.23 *Encountering Globalization in the Hill Areas of North East India* by Gorky Chakraborty, December 2010.

B. Publications of individual faculty members

Amiya Kumar Bagchi

Book:

Colonialism and Indian Economy, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2010.

Articles:

'Bourgeois political economy and the logic of colonialism: The case of Sir William Petty', in Giovanni Bonifati and Annamaria Simonazzi (eds.). *IL RITORNO DELL'ECONOMIA POLITICA: Saggi in Ricardo di Fernando Vianello*, Roma, Donzelli Editore, pp. 169-180, 2010.

'Towards democratization of education in India', *Social Scientist*, Vol.38, Nos. 9-12, September-December 2010.

'Commitment of a scholar and teacher: A personal tribute', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.45, No.46, pp.23-25, 13 November 2010.

'Celebrating Irfan Habib at eighty' in Prabhat Patnaik eds: *Excursus in History: Essays on Some Ideas of Irfan Habib*, Tulika Book Series on Modern Indian Thinkers, 2011.

'Rabindranath Tagore and Democratic Theory', New Delhi: NCERT, 2011.

Uttam Bhattacharya

Articles:

(Jointly with K K Datta) 'Prospect and scope of conservation agriculture: Issues and opportunities for rainfed areas in India', *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol.65, no. 3, July- September, 2010.

(Jointly with P. Mukhopadhyay and A, Prakas) 'Intellectual Property and Economic development in India', *The Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics (UK)*, Vol. 22, 2010.

Achin Chakraborty

(Jointly with Indrani Chakraborty) 'Female work participation and gender differential in earning in West Bengal', *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, July, 2010.

Indrani Chakraborty

Articles:

'Capital Structure in an Emerging Stock Market: The Case of India', *Research in International Business and Finance*, 24, Elsevier, 2010.

(Jointly with Achin Chakraborty) 'Female Work Participation and Gender Differential in Earning in West Bengal', *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, July 2010.

'Financial Development and Economic Growth in India: An Analysis of the Post-Reform Period', *South Asia Economic Journal*, Vol.1, no.2, September, Sage Publishers, 2010.

Subhanil Chowdhury

Presented a paper on 'India-Nepal economic cooperation: Towards a new paradigm',

Bidhan Kanti Das

Articles:

'Livestock reduction as management strategy in a national park of India : An anthropological observation' *Eastern Anthropologist*, Vol. 63 , No 1 , pp. 87-100 .

Panchanan Das

Articles:

'The dynamics of inflation in India: Cointegration and causality', *The Journal of Income and Wealth*, Vol. 31, No. 2, July-December, 2009, pp. 47-58, August 2010.

'The impact of trade openness on poverty and inequality: Dynamic panel analysis with Indian data', *International Journal of Arts and Sciences* 3(13): 427-438 (2010), CD-ROM ISSN: 1994-6934, InternationalJournal.org. November 2010.

Subhoranjan Dasgupta

Reviews:

Review of Srimanjari's book **Through War and Famine, Bengal** , *Anandabazar Patrika*, 26 June 2010

Review of Jagadindra Mondal's book **Dreams—Mirror of the Mind**, *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 25 September 2010.

Nandini Ghosh

Article:

'Embodied experiences: Being female and disabled', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Review of Women's Studies Vol. 45, no. 17, April 24-30, 2010.

Saswata Ghosh

Articles:

(Jointly with Zakir Husain) 'Economic independence, family support and perceived health status of the elderly: Recent evidence from India', *Asia Pacific Population Journal*, Vol. 25, no.1, pp. 47-77, 2010.

(Jointly with Zakir Husain) 'Is health status of elderly worsening in India? A comparison of successive rounds of national sample survey data', *Journal of Biosocial Science*, Vol. 43, no. 2, pp. 211-231, 2011.

Subrata Mukherjee

Book:

Chapter in a book

(Jointly with Jean-Frederic Levesque): 'Health care for the elderly (Chapter 13)', in Shanthi Johnson and S Irudaya Rajan (eds.) *Ageing and Health in India*, Rawat Publication, 2010.

Articles:

(Jointly with Jean-Frederic Levesque): 'Changing inequalities in utilisation of inpatient care in rural India: evidence from the NSS', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 45, no.4, pp. 84-91, 2010.

(Jointly with Slim Haddad and Delampady Narayana): 'Social class related inequalities in household health expenditure and economic burden: evidence from Kerala, South India', *International Journal for Equity in Health*, Vol.10, no.1: (doi: 10.1186/1475-9276-10-1), 2011.

Krishna Soman

Article:

'Women's health and rights to health in India since independence: An overview', in Nirmala Banerjee and Samita Sen (eds). *Mapping the Field: Gender Relations in Contemporary India*, Stree and Samya (in press).

Dipankar Sinha

Articles:

‘Global village/ Another world: Globalization as contending space’, *Global e*, Vol. 4, no. 1, ISSN 1932-8060 Centre for Global Studies, University of Washington], 30 April, 2010.

‘Whose order is it anyway: Imageries-cum-rhetoric of (Anti) globalization’, *Sociological Imagination*, Vol. 1, No.1, Warwick University, 1 June, 2010.

‘Communication: The challenges of globalization, information society, identity and development’ in Yogendra Singh ed., *Social Sciences: Communication, Anthropology and Sociology* (Vol.14/Part 2 of the Series on The Project of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture, Globalization, Centre for Studies in Civilizations/Pearson Longman, New Delhi, 2010.

(De)Politicising Development: Towards an Inclusionary Perspective, Working Paper 19, London School of Economics, Department of Media and Communication, London, 2010.

Reviews:

Review of Nick Couldry’s **Why Voice Matters: Culture and Politics after Neoliberalism**, Sage, London, 2010, in *The Sociological Imagination*, November, 2010.

Review Article Mark Berger ed., **After the Third World**, Routledge, London and New York, 2009, in *Capital and Class*, Vol.34, no.3, October, 2010.

Review Article: Ziai Aram (ed.), **Exploring Post development: Theory and Practice, Problems and Perspectives**, Routledge, London and New York, 2007 in *Journal of Third World Studies* (USA), Vol. 27, no. 1, Spring, 2010.

Arup Maharatna

Articles/essays/commentary:

‘In Resurrection of Gunnar Myrdal’s Asian Drama’, *Mainstream*, Vol. XLVIII, no. 18, 24 April, 2010.

‘Quarrelling with Indian perceptions’, *Mainstream*, Vol. XLVIII, no.30, pp. 5-11, 22 July, 2010.

‘Who is civilised?’ In praise of traditions, society and culture’, *Mainstream*, Vol. XLVIII, no. 40, pp. 16-22, 25 September, 2010.

‘How can “Beautiful” be “Backward”? Tribes of India in a long term demographic perspective’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLVI no., pp. 42-52, 22 January 2011.

Sudhir Chakravarti

Books:

In Bānglā

Rabindranath Anekānto (Collection of essays on Rabindranath), 2010.

Nana Rabindranather Mālā (ed.), 2010.

Gobesonar Andar Bāhir (ed.), 2010.

Meyeder Kathakalpa (ed.), 2010.

Ālāldost Sebākomolini Lalan (Narrative), 2011.

Nirjon Sojone (Collection of essays), 2011.

Rabindranath: Monon o Shilpa (ed.), 2011.

X Members of Faculty

Amiya Kumar Bagchi

Professor of Economics and Director
(Political Economy, Economic History,
International Finance)

Debdas Banerjee

Professor of Economics
(Labour, Industrial Development,
Knowledge Economy) (on lien)

Achin Chakraborty

Professor of Economics and
Coordinator of M.Phil Programme
(Welfare Economics, Human
Development, Methodology)

Subhoranjan Dasgupta

Professor of Human Sciences
(Literature and Literary Theory,
Aesthetics and History)

Uttam Bhattacharya

Associate Professor of Economics
(Intellectual Property Rights,
Disinvestment)

Krishna Soman

Associate Professor of Public Health
(Political Economy of Health, Gender
and Health, Environmental Health)

Indrani Chakraborty

Associate Professor of Economics
(International Finance, Econometrics,
Technology and Development)

Zakir Husain

Associate Professor of Economics
(Environment, Education Applied
Econometrics) (on lien)

Panchanan Das, Senior Lecturer
(on deputation from Higher Education
Service) (Econometrics)

Subrata Mukherjee, Assistant Professor
(Health Economics, Poverty & Inequality,
Applied Micro econometrics)

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